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Damned's Doom

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Or Some

Meditations in Verse,

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The Last Great Sentence,

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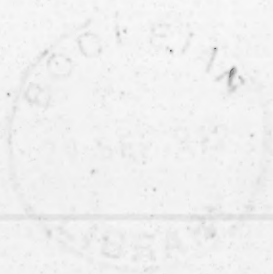
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HEark! Hearn! the Trumpet sounds, the Court is met!

Christ, (as chief Justice) on the Bench is set;
Adorn'd with glorious Robes, and rich Attire,
Not now abas'd on Earth, advanced higher;
Guarded by Saints and Angels: such as they
Most all attend the Service of this Day.

He who when Prisoner here, was forc'd to stand,
And at a Mortal's Bar, hold up His Hand,
Was mock'd at, spit upon, reproach'd and bled,
Must now be Judge alone of Quick and Dead;
Tho' here debas'd, yet now Heaven rings
With Hallelujahs to this King of Kings.

Jesus.

Call forth the Prisoners then, they must appear,
To answer for themselves, tho' Crimes are clear;
Hear what they'll say, tho' all they say, alas!
Can never hinder th' Sentence that must pass.

Sinners appear, come forth your Graves, arise,
You all are summon'd to the grand Assize;

You

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You called are into the great Court-Royal,
And may not stay, you must attend your Tryal;
Make way for wretched Prisoners, there make room,
They'r going to receive their final Doom.

But now methinks, I see those trembling Souls,
Gazing about, to find some hiding Holes;
Calling to Rocks to hide them, but in vain,
For such like Calls and Cries can nought obtain:
Their hearts were hardned in a Day of Grace,
When God did sweetly call, and give them Space
For to repent, And now those rooky Stones
Has no regard at all unto their Groans;
The Mountains will not fall, to hide them from
The Wrath of Him that sitteth on the Throne.
O whata sight I see; the wretched State
Of Fools bewailing Folly, when to late!
From Hell and Graves, they come, but must not stay
They are to pass Accounts, and so away.
Now Soul and Body meets, and must remain,
By Righteous Sentence, in eternal Pain;
They Partners were in Sin, whilst here below,
And must together groan in endless Wo;
The graves do open, and the Prisoners rise,
And now methinks, I hear the doleful Cries
Of those poor Sinners, who on earth took Pains
To make their Souls as black and full of Stains,
As any could be; grudging always when
They were out-strippt in Sin by any Men.

Methinks, I hear their Pleas, and see them quaking
And all the little Shifts they would be making;
And all because they would appear at th' Bar
Of God, a little better than they are.

The gripping Usurer now looks about
To find some better Hands, than his Hands out,
Which he do's well remember heretofore
Did often by Extortion wrong the Poor.

The Wanton dare not own his wanton Eye,
Must, says he, have better, or I die ;
Mine oft unchastly upon Women gaz'd,
And for lascivious Looks I stand amaz'd.

The Lawyer would reject his gilded Tongue,
By which he thousands in the World did wrong ;
He knows that he, being see'd or brib'd, ne're stood,
To make a good Cause bad, a bad Cause good.

The Gallant dare not own his fluttering Feet,
Which often trudg'd thro' thick and thin to meet
A dirty Whore, or hectoring drunken Friend,
To help him vainly precious time to spend ;

His feet were swift in running to do Evil,
Must have other feet, or go to th' Devil.

The Politician dares not own his Head ;

Another he would fain have in its Stead ;

That that contriv'd, he always was pursuing,

And finds his wicked Brain was his undoing.

Some they would part with Fingers, and would
Take any Fingers out of any's Grave ; (have,

They may miss their own which was too bent,

To sign Decrees against the Innocent.

Thieves they would part with Hands, and Liars

The Instruments of many grievous Wrongs, (Tongues

Long-winded Sinners they would part with Lungs.

The Hypocrite too, has a mind to part

With his, to change it for a better Heart.

Ill-minded

Ill-minded Sinners now would change their Mind
 For any others of a better kind ;
 And others, other things would swap, if then
 They might hereby but pass for better Men :
 Kings would disown their Crowns and Grandure too,
 And now appear in Rags, if that would do.
 But O! prodigious Madness herein's shown,
 For every one must keep what was his own ;
 And wicked Men must see their monstrous Folly,
 Who would not, (whilst on Earth) be strict and holy?
 Well! are the Prisoners come, then let them hear;
 They must my Wrath and Fury ever bear.

Sentence.

Depart! ye cursed Wretches, ne're return,
 Into a fire, that must always burn,
 Prepared for the Devil, and a Crew
 Of wicked Wretches just like such as you.

Prisoner.

Ah dreadful Word, Depart! and that from Thee,
 Must needs be th' upshot of all Misery.
 Lord, let me stay but here, the Sinner cries,
 My clamorous Conscience, and my blubbring Eyes
 May Torment be enough; dear God abate,
 Some pity shew me: For my wretch'd Estate
 Is such I cannot bear, let Sentence be
 A little bated by a sight of Thee.

Judge.

Nay Sinner, know, my Presence heretofore
 Thou did'st not like, tho' offer'd o're and o're;
 Thou would'st not entertain Me in thy Heart,
 And now my Sentence, Sinner, is, Depart!
 An offered Christ, and Pardon, thou didst flight,
 And what can follow on't but dismal Night?

Prisoner

And must I now depart, and undergo,
 This dreadful heavy Doom? and let me know,
 That thou wilt bless me Lord, and then I can
 Refresh my Soul with this where-e're I am.
 I'm loth to go, but if I must, I crave
 That I before may Heaven's Blessing have.

Jesus.

Sinner, be gone! nay more, I must the tell,
 My Curse shall go along with thee to Hell:
 My Blessing thou despis'd for many Years,
 And canst not have it now tho' fought with Tears;
 Thou must for ever fry and flame and rot,
 Depart then, Sinner, for I know thee not.

Prisoner.

And must I be accurs'd, and never see,
 Thy blessed Face again? then Lord let me
 Find out for an Abode some pleasant Place,
 What needs more Mis'ry, than not see thy Face?

Judge.

Away thou cursed Mis'er'ant, 'tis too late,
 Possess the Mis'ries of a wretched state:
 To Hell be gone, let Racks increase thy pains,
 And Fiends torment thee with dolorous Strains;
 Where thou didst wallow in thy sensual pleasure,
 And now must burn in Flames that know no measure.

Prisoner.

Ah Lord! if I must go with Curse and Ire,
 And that to such a woful place as fire;
 Yet let me beg this Boon, I never may
 Continue any long time there, or stay;
 Let me pass swiftly thro', and then have Ease,
 Let this the Anger of My God appease.

Material Fire's sad, Men kindle here,
 What then are Flames that burn with Brimston there
Judge.

Away Wretch, stay no longer, cease thy Wooings
 Thou reapest but the Fruits of thy own Doings;
 Eternal pain, thy tortur'd Mind shall rend,
 That has no present Ease, nor future End;
 There go, contribute to these dreadful Cries,
 Where Fire's never quench'd, nor Worme e're dies.

Prisoner.

Let not My Lord be angry, if I take
 Yet liberty to plead, my Life's at Stake;
 This dismal dreadful Doom for to depart,
 From Thee the cheifest Good, en'e breaks my heart
 But yet in Flames for evermore to be,
 Does fill my Torments with Extremity.
 Well if it must be so, that I drink up
 The bitterst Dregs of this imbittered Cup,
 Yet favour me so far, as I may choose,
 My own Companions there, Lord don't refuse;
 May I be join'd to such as may abate,
 And not encrease the Torments of that State.

Judge.

No Sinner, thy Companions must be such
 As thou in Life-time didst delight in much;
 Such who on earth were Tempters most to thee,
 Shall now in Hell thy worst Tormentors be:
 Those, who to lead the Captive here took pains,
 Shall now for ever with thee hang in Chains:
 You all when fagotted, shall burn together,
 and these things be endured, Soul, for ever.

Ah ghastly sight! devouring Flames to see,
 With Adders, Frogs and Toads, for ever be;
 To hear the Screeches of those Monsters then,
 That cannot be express'd by any pen.
 All this and greater Mis'ry, does inthral,
 Yet stings of Conscience will prove worst of all.

Sentence more particular.

Judge.

BRing forth the Prisoners, bring them one by one,
 That every one may sentenc'd be alone:
 Set them to 'th' Bar, that every one may hear,
 What 'tis they're damned for, what they must bear.

Ignorant.

Come forth besotted Souls that have not known,
 The Myst'ries of the great Salvation;
 That ignorant have been, tho' Gospel Light
 Has shin'd about their Tabernacles bright;
 Take them then, Devils, bind them very fast,
 The time they had for learning now is past.

Slothful.

Come forth ye slothful servants, come, make haste,
 Who did not well improve, but Talents waste;
 On Earth you most unprofitable were,
 And well may trembling stand now you are here;
 Talents I did intrust you with to use,
 Unto my Glory, which you did abuse;
 You either spent them vainly on your Lust,
 Or laid them up in Napkins for to rust;
 How couldst thou eat, and drink, and sleep, and play,
 Before thy Work was done, Soul, what canst say?

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Your pleasant morsels prove a bitter sweet,
For take them Devils, bind them hand and feet.

Worship-Neglecters.

Come forth all those that Families had here,
But in them would not Gospel-Worship bear ;
Tho' sin and Satan have your Thresholds trod,
You had no Entertainment for Your God !
You were my Creatures and did Worship owe,
But did not pay this Debt to Me you know ;
And tho' you Subjects were, would never bring,
The Homage that you should, to Me Your King.
You liv'd upon My Bounty Every Day.
Your charge in Keeping-House I did defray,
And yet when all was done, you would not pray.
Tho' Wrath and Vengeance threatned was to fall
On Families that would not on Me call,
Yet all I find in vain, you strangers are,
Both to your Family and closet-prayer ;
Then rank them Devils 'mongst your cursed Train
Their prayers that would have done, are now in vain

Sabbath-Breakers.

Come forth ye Sabbath-Breakers, sinners high,
You must be try'd and all be cast and die ;
You did prophane My Sabbaths here on Earth,
Would not then honour Me who gave you Breath
Most vilely you have wasted those blest Days,
By Eating, Drinking, Sleeping, Sports, and Plays ;
By thinking vainly, or by doing Ill,
By acting what was bad, or sitting still ;
In stead of walking with Thy God (which yeilds
The truest pleasure) thou hast walk'd i'th Fields,

To gratify thy Flesh, with vain Delights,
 And hast not paid to Heaven, Heaven's Rights;
 Instead of waiting at the posts o'th Door
 Of My own House, thou'st waited on a Whore;
 Instead of managing thy Soul's Affairs,
 By Reading, Hearing, Singing, Thinking, Pray'rs,
 The World has fill'd thy thoughts, and wasted time,
 That was not thine, O sinner, but was Mine!
 You thought one Day of Prayer and Praise for Me,
 Too much to spend on Earth, and now must see
 Your selves excluded Heaven, fill'd with pains,
 Whilst Saints are singing here in highest Strains;
 Take them to Hell then, let them hence be led,
 And there be always dying, never dead.

Swearers.

Come forth you swearing crew, who would prophane,
 By Oaths and Curses, My most holy Name;
 Could hardly speak a word, but Oaths must fly:
 For these thy sins, O sinner, thou must die;
 'Twas My Command you know, *Swear not at all*,
 Unless to end a strife you had a call;
 But in your common Talk My Word did say,
 Let your Yea be Yea, and your Nay be Nay;
 And whatsoever's more must needs be evil,
 Let less is learn'd by you, and taught by th' Devil.
 Some sinners, come, you oft have curst and swore,
 And bad Me damn you if I durst: therefore
 Now will swear in Wrath, you ne're shall see
 My blessed Rest, but turn'd to Hell shall be;
 Make them then Devils, in torments let them lie,
 Where Conscience always stings, and worms ne're die.

Scoffers.

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Come forth ye Scoffers, that could ne're refrain,
 To speak of pious Souls without disdain:
 Who counted Goodness, Madness, blam'd their folly
 Who seriously were strict and truly Holly.
 Those things you did account, (you never saw)
 But tricks and fancies, to keep Men in awe:
 The truly holy, humble, pious soul,
 You did account no better than a fool;
 Then you could say, what needs so much ado?
 Men may be much less Holy, yer saved to:
 You tauntingly could say, these holy Brothers
 Would fain seem more Religious than others;
 The praying Saint, forsooth, has th' Spirit got,
 Who yonder goes, poor silly whining sot.

Well, but who made the wisest choice? Come, speak
 They who did keep My Law, or did It break,
 They who in Soul-Affairs would ne'e delay,
 To give to God the best they had; or they
 Who thought such guilty of the highest Folly,
 And call'd religious thoughts but Melancholy?
 Pth World you had your good things, Mine their ba
 But now Mine shall rejoice, whilst you are sad:
 This was your Folly, tho' you would not see't,
 Then take them Devils, bind them Hands and Feet

Persecutors.

Come forth you Persecutors, now you'll know
 What 'twas for to oppress My Friends below;
 You did not only mock, and scoff, but when
 You pleas'd, you did imprison th' best of Men,
 Not only did you wound them with the Tongue,
 But Scorpion-like, you many of them stung:

Some, *Judas-like*, you wickedly betray'd,
 And others with your Threats you made afraid:
 You banish'd some, and others spilt their Blood,
 Because they durst not sin, but would be good.
 Many you hal'd to prison, whom you knew
 In all their Prayers to Me, forgot not you:
 You would not walk your selves in th' Narrow-way,
 And such as would, you often caus'd to stray;
 You thought herein you serv'd Me but now see,
 't was the Devil's Work, with him you'l be.
 Take them then Devils, let those Monsters know
 Their Folly's great, who serv'd My servants so.

Licentious.

Licentious ones come forth, for you have been
 Followers of your selves in every sin;
 You never laid Restraints upon your Will,
 But always would your Appetites fulfil;
 Your Lusts must be indulg'd, your sins allow'd,
 The least Advance on Earth has made you proud:
 Others would be bad, you'd not forbear,
 With drunkards would be drunk, with swearers swear;
 With haughty spirits you could rant and huff,
 And with the vilest would be vile enough:
 Then take them Devils, let them ever burn
 In Hell's devouring Flames, and ne're return.

Gluttons.

Come forth ye Gluttons, you that must be fed
 With best of Dainties, and the finest Bread;
 Who could for th' Body lusty Morfels crave,
 Whilst a neglected soul was like to starve;
 Whose cry was always give, come give us more,
 No Beggars went but empty from your Door:

If

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 You always thought you had a poor Repast:
 If bellies were not fill'd up to the Brim,
 And you in Liquor almost fit to swim,
 You thought Provision mean, and you must starve,
 Tho' Scraps indeed were more than such deserve.
 Well, take them Devils, give them now their fill.
 Let swinish tempers have their swinish swill.

Drunkards.

Drunkards come forth, who did your selves before
 By drinking Wine in Bowls, pot after pot;
 Who did unman your selves, debase your reason,
 And this not seldom, but at every season;
 You knew you sinn'd by every such Excess,
 That nature would be satisf'd with less:
 And that such Drunkards must their portion take
 In the Infernal pit and fiery Lake;
 Yet drink you would, and Drunkards you would be
 And in Excess would say, some tempted me;
 Others thus pleaded, that as for their share,
 They overtaken were before aware;
 But these things will not do, your pleas are naught
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Adulterers.

Come forth Adulterers, that cursed seed,
 Who were unchast in Thought, or Word, or Deed;
 Far all these things by My Command I did
 Most strictly all the sons of men forbid;
 You wantons knew these things most sinful were,
 And yet to act them, seldom would forbear;
 You sought out secret Corners where to sin,
 And act your lustful wickednesses in;

You dreaded humane Eyes, and watch'd for Night,
 That works of darkness might not see the Light,
 But ne're consider'd My all-seeing Eye
 Could Wickedness thro' thickest Darkness spy:
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Covetous.

Come forth those Wordly Muck-Worms that took
 In nothing more than heaping up a Treasure (pleasure
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 Then take them Devils, ransack all your Hoards,
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Unmerciful.

Come forth all those who would no mercy show,
 Nor pity take on needy ones below;
 Who would not spare some pence out of their store,
 But sent the hungry empty from their Door,
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 Or else would look at him a great way off:
 Had bowels always shut against their cries,
 And no regard would have to weeping Eyes.
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Widows and Orphans by their louder cries,
 Have rent the Heavens, and have peirc'd the skies ;
 Your over reaching Neighbours heretofore,
 And grinding of the Faces of the Poor ;
 Oppressing some, who ever you thought fit,
 And vexing others, whom you could out-wit ;
 All these, and other such unrighteous Gains
 Unknown to Me your Judge ; and for your pains
 Take them now Devils, hurl them into th' Fire,
 That's kindled and increased by My Ire.

Liars.

Come forth you Liars that would not refrain,
 To tell a lie at any time for Gain ;
 Who were so much accustom'd to this sin,
 As if your training up in Hell had been ;
 Affirming for a truth the thing which you
 At that time did well know to be untrue :
 But this you oft have done without a thought,
 That such a practice loved is stark naught ;
 You have reported Lies, but that's not all,
 You often have invented them withal :
 O what a case are you in, who as soon,
 As you could almost speak, were Liars grown ;
 Too often have you by this lying Trade,
 A Fault that was but single, two Faults made.
 Then take them Devils, for a common Liar
 Is fewel very proper for Hell-Fire.

Slanders.

Let Slanders come forth, and now appear,
 Who always to Back-biters lent their ear,
 And then would Stories here and there soon scatter,
 Which whether true or false, they did not matter.

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Thus you have liv'd and hereby oft have ta'ne
 Unjustly from your Neighbour their good Name;
 Your very Language is of such a sort,
 Let Neighbours but report, and we'll report.
 Such persons surely never yet well knew,
 The Duty to a Neighbour that was due;
 Tho' know they might and ought that in their Station
 They should not blast, but help his Reputation.
 Take them then Devils, down to Hell them bear,
 And let them tell those Fiends what now they hear.

Ambitious.

Come forth Ambitious persons, and the proud,
 Make room for them, they are too great to crowd;
 Come, you, who built your Nests on Earth so high,
 As if you meant most proudly thence to fly
 To Heaven; but this can't be, you knowing well
 'Twas pride threw Angels down from thence to Hell;
 Many a dirty step you took to th' fear
 Of Honour when on Earth, to make you great;
 And tow'ring were your thoughts and swelling pride,
 Admiring of your selves, but none beside;
 Others you scorn'd, and always thought unfit
 At any time with you on Earth to sit:
 Your Hearts were proud, and Looks and Speech you
 And Carriage unto all was also so. (know,
 Lodge them in Hell, their pride must cost them dear,
 See what they will be proud of when they're there.

Envious.

Let envious persons now be brought to th' Bar,
 Whose malice did exceed all others far;
 There hardly could be any rich or great,
 But these would quickly envy their Estate;

They

They soon repine, if they but see or hear
 Others commended whilst themselves are there;
 If Neighbours but excell'd in any thing,
 They'd either blast his Name, or clip his wing:
 These were the by-paths envious Souls have trod,
 Their eye was evil because Mine was Good.
 Then take them Dev'l, Companions to be,
 They are not fit for Heaven, but for thee.

Wrathful.

Bring forth those wrathful persons, that black crew
 Whose tongues contentious, wounded not a few;
 Their fiery spirits have been just like swords,
 And Gall was always mingled with their words;
 Wounded they have, and lash'd reproachfully.
 With Scorpion-Tongues in passion, Standers-by;
 E'ne take them Devil, they're too hot to be
 In any place but Hell, take them to thee.

Moralists.

Let Moralists come forth, who loudly boast
 Of their uprighter Dealings than the most;
 We were (say they) in Carriage always civil,
 And in appearance, we forsook the Devil.
 First-Table Duties we have kept and shall,
 Exactly strict and just have been to all.
 Well, all is nothing still, here lies the bar,
 To th' Power of Godliness you Strangers are.
 Take them then Devils, I will hear no more,
 Better than they are gone to Hell before.

Hypocrites.

Come forth ye Hypocrites, who made a show
 Of being holy, but were never so;

ave born the outward Name of true Professors,
 et in your private Haunts were great Transgressors:
 Name to live you had, but that was all,
 our Ends and Aims were Hypocritical;
 ou us'd Religion only to disguise,
 nd paint but over your Deformities:
 ou follow'd Christ for Loaves, which when you got,
 ho' Christ did lead you still, you followed not;
 ou're painted Sepulchres, and just no more,
 plendid without, but rotten at the Core:
 ch blazing Comets, wandring Stars, tho' high,
 Were but to shine a while, and then to die,
 eceive them Devils, and the Charge I give,
 et them in dismal Darkness ever live.

Apostates, Backsliders.

Backsliders and Apostates all draw near,
 Attend the dismal Sentence you must hear;
 You once were seeming Saints, but now alas!
 Amongst the openly prophane you pass;
 You seem'd to love My Ways and People too,
 And once run very well, who hindred you?
 Was Heaven to you so unpleasant, that
 You must forsake it for you knew not what?
 Was My Reward so mean, you went away,
 And would no longer in My service stay?
 And can the Devil give you better pay?
 What! Faces Heavenwards, and then retreat?
 This makes your lesser Wickedness compleat;
 For when you'd tri'd both Ways, a worse and better,
 You wainly chose the First, and left the Latter,

Then

Then take them Devils, who would ne're be wise,
And let them know what 'twas t'apostatille.

Impenitent, Unbelievers.

Come forth Impenitents, and hear your Fate,
Let Unbelievers now lament too late,
That they would not prevailed be withal
To come to Christ, when He did sweetly call;
Come, Sinner, come away, both Me and Mine,
Upon Acceptance shall be ever Thine:
You have not th' Gospel credited, tho' true,
And in your Mother-Tongue reveal'd to you;
You have not yeilded to Me your Allegiance,
Nor liv'd by Faith, nor paid me true Obedience;
Nor clos'd with Christ, tho' you did plainly see
'Twas by Him only you could saved be:
Repent you would not, but your Sins did cherish,
Tho' it was often said, Repent or perish.
Take them then Devils, let them rue their birth,
Who would not turn from sin whilst here on Earth

Sinners Farewel.

Alas, Alas! What will of us become?
Now *go ye Cursed*, is our final Doom:
Both Soul and Body well may stand affrighted,
Cursing the Day in which they were united:
Devils must needs with Fury being driven,
Seize us for Hell, being sentenc'd out of Heaven;
And with Insultation at us rage,
As tho' our Torments would their own aswage
In Flames must fry, which never cease to burn,
From whence we never may, nor can return.

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